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COUNTRY Poland REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC 1. Officer Candidate School of Polish Border Guard Troops in Rastenburg (Ketrzyn)
2. Polish Motorized Artillery Unit in Bielsko Bia/a

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. Prior to September 1952, a Polish border guard officer candidate school was in the former Infantry Barracks in Rastenburg (R 55/A 29) which included three or four gutted buildings and was located northwest of the city and on the northeast side of the Bartenstein (R 55/Z 81) road. Polish soldiers observed in the installation after 1949 wore green service color, dark-blue trousers with a wide green stripe along the outside seams and epaulets mounting the letter S. The trainees came from all parts of Poland and received several years of training. Only a limited number of motor vehicles was observed in connection with the school. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] the former Fuehrer-Hauptquartier "Wolfsschanze", east of Rastenburg, [REDACTED] blown-up bunkers and torn-down low wooden buildings. There was no construction activity at that time. [REDACTED] demolitions from the "Wolfsschanze" area.

3. Prior to mid-December 1952, a Polish motorized artillery unit occupied the Artillery Barracks on the southern perimeter of Bielsko Bia/a (Q 50/X 88) on the east bank of the Bia/a River. In the summer of 1952 [REDACTED] the unit returning from a practice on ul. Lenina, formerly ul. 3-go Maja, with about 20 guns of about 120 mm. The guns were towed by trucks carrying the crews, who wore army uniforms with red cap bands. Prior to December 1952, no units of other branches of service were stationed at the post. The nearest infantry unit was stationed at Wajdowice (Q 50/Y 18).³

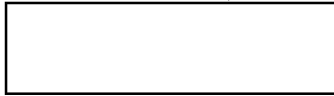
4. The former Infantry Barracks in Bielsko on the west side of Pl. Wolnosci quartered a boarding-school for men and women apprentices of industrial concerns. That section of the former barracks installation which was on the south side of ul. Sobieskiego was badly damaged and neglected.⁴ The apprentices were daily trucked to the instruction workshops of the individual plants.

1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is fairly definitely believed that the statements of the present report on the WOP (border guard) officer candidate school in Rastenburg are correct, since a previous report [REDACTED] also mentioned special border guard training. [REDACTED] 25X1

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
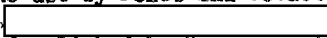
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
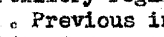
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
2.  Comment. Recent news in the press on the use by Poles and Soviets of the old installations remained unconfirmed.  later press news stated that all installations were demolished by German engineers prior to the arrival of the Soviets.

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3.  Comment. The information confirms an artillery regiment in this barracks installation.  Previous information indicated as stationed there the 23d Arty Regt and the 18th Inf Regt in Wadowice, both of which belonged to the 6th Nitz Rifle Div in Krakow. It is still undetermined whether these two regiments are the units mentioned in the present report since it is undetermined whether the 6th Div is still stationed at Krakow.

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4.  Comment. Several reports prior to March 1951 stated that this barracks installation quartered a unit of women's PS (Labor Service).

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